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To: **THE COUNCIL**

Date: **03/27/2025**

From: **THE MAYOR**

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Webb de Macias". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

(Carolyn Webb de Macias for)

KAREN BASS

Mayor

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March 18, 2025

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Thomas Arechiga, Office of the Mayor

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$40,000 DONATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES CHARGERS INTO THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND TO ASSIST WITH DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE 2025 WINDSTORM AND FIRE EVENT

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. **ACCEPT** a \$40,000 donation from the Los Angeles Chargers to assist with the disaster relief and emergency response to the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event;
2. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund - Fund No. 859;
3. **APPROVE** the disbursement of these funds in accordance with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund; and
4. **FORWARD** the acceptance of these grant funds to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event have caused widespread devastation across Los Angeles, displacing families and their pets, straining animal shelter resources, and creating an urgent need for emergency assistance. Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) has been actively engaged in response efforts, providing shelter, medical care, and rescue services to animals affected by the disaster.

LAAS has maintained a strong and collaborative relationship with the Los Angeles Chargers, who have been longstanding supporters of animal welfare initiatives in the city. Over the years, the Chargers

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have partnered with the Department on multiple campaigns, including pet adoption drives, fundraising events, and community outreach programs aimed at promoting responsible pet ownership. Their ongoing commitment to the well-being of animals has made them a valued partner in the Department's efforts to provide care and support for pets in need.

Recognizing the critical role of emergency preparedness and response, the Los Angeles Chargers have generously offered a donation of \$40,000 to aid in these efforts. These funds will be instrumental in ensuring that LA Animal Services can continue to provide lifesaving services to animals in need during and after the crisis.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 5.200(c) states that any monetary gifts, contributions, or bequests to be accepted and used by the Department of Animal Services (Department) that exceeds \$25,000 must be approved by the Mayor and City Council.

On January 28, 2025, the Department received an electronic fund transfer in the amount of \$40,000 from the Los Angeles Chargers. These funds will be used to support the Department's disaster relief and emergency response efforts for the animals impacted by the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event.

The Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (LA Animal Services) respectfully requests the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to approve and accept a generous donation of \$40,000 from the Los Angeles Chargers. This donation will directly support the Department's disaster relief and emergency response efforts in the wake of the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event, which have severely impacted Los Angeles communities and their companion animals.

On February 11, 2025, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$40,000 donation from the Los Angeles Chargers into the AWTF to assist with disaster relief and emergency response, subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. This donation will be deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund and used to support the Department's disaster relief and emergency response efforts for the animals impacted by the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette G. Ramirez
Interim General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Acceptance of a \$40,000 Donation from the Los Angeles Chargers into the AWTF to Assist with Disaster Relief and Emergency Response

cc: Jacqueline Reyes, City Administrative Officer
Sharon Lee, Los Angeles Animal Services

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Curiel

REPORT DATE: January 31, 2025

TITLE: District Supervisor

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